

# Missouri Sheriffs' Association

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*Our mission is to further professionalize the Office of Sheriff. Our goals are to upgrade the qualifications of the Office of Sheriff through training programs; to provide technical assistance to sheriffs and their departments; and provide research for law enforcement legislation. Our ultimate goal is to help provide better law enforcement services to the citizens of Missouri.*

The Missouri Sheriffs Association comprising 115 Missouri Sheriffs endorses and supports S.103 "Combat Meth Act of 2005" introduced by Senator Talent. This bill provides the law enforcement community and the criminal justice system the tools so desperately needed to engage in a proactive, collaborative attack on the illegal manufacturing and trafficking in methamphetamine. Missouri has lead the nation in the seizure of illegal methamphetamine labs for the past several years and the Midwest States region has accounted for the bulk of all labs seized in the nation. This initiative will allow local, state and federal agencies to combine and coordinate resources in the fight to protect our children, our citizens and our environment against the ravages of methamphetamine production and addiction. The association encourages the passage of this legislation and thanks Senator Talent for his leadership on this issue.

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